

MILPITAS ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN

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Overview: Next Few Slides

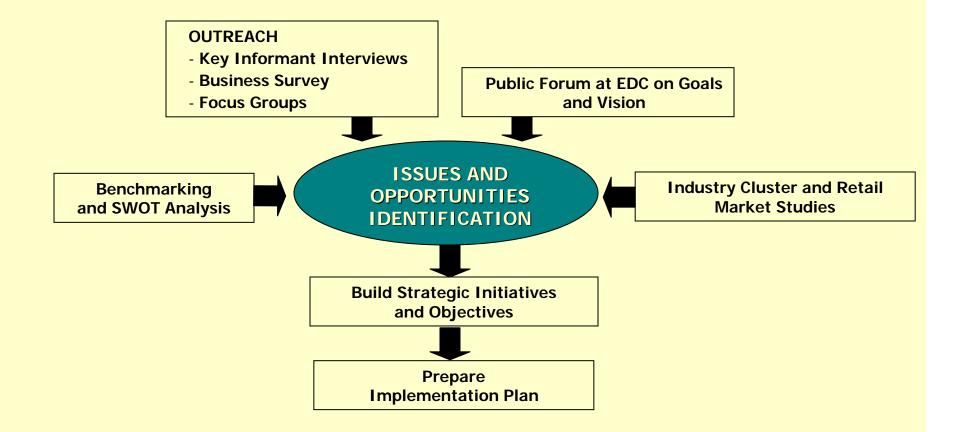


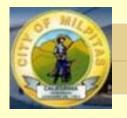
- Overview of Economic Development Commission's strategic planning process of developing goals and objectives
- Overview of findings and key issues
- Presentation on suggested goals and objectives
- Discussion



Milpitas Economic Strategic Plan Process







Key Findings: Public Input



- Public forum
 - 30 attendees
 - 9 EDC members
 - 90 minutes
- Major employer survey
- Local business survey

 retail analysis
- Interviews with cluster executives—cluster analysis



Key Findings: Public Input



- Local business strengths include central location, easy transportation access and diverse ethnic population; attract many customers from outside Milpitas, especially San Jose
- Companies in key industries do most manufacturing outside the Bay Area and the U.S.; shortage of engineers in Bay Area limits growth; locating R&D and design centers in Asia.



Key Findings: Public Input



- Major international corporation survey respondents who lived outside Milpitas (82%) chose place to live based on neighborhood and housing quality and low crime rates. Milpitas residents chose place based on shorter commutes and housing prices.
- Strong desire on part of forum participants for vibrant downtown; higher quality K-12 schools; improved city image; better business climate.



Key Findings: Retail Sales



- Milpitas residents comprise a \$394 m. market; stores capture \$864 m. in sales annually.
- Lose sales to other cities in automobiles, groceries, furniture and other general merchandise; no upscale grocery or restaurants.
- Great Mall retail sales per sq. ft. lags behind other malls; evolving to include more upscale shops.
- New competition from Pacific Commons in Fremont and remodeled centers in No. San Jose.



Findings: Industry Cluster Analysis



- Primary economic drivers of Milpitas economy are:
 - Computer and communications hardware
 - Semiconductors
 - Electronic components
 - Software
 - Biomedical
- Make up 46% of total employment in City.
- Growth and expansion limited by shortage of engineers and affordable housing.
- Innovation Services and Creative Services offer more opportunity for growth but limited by lack of Class A office space.



Key Findings: Benchmarks



- Milpitas has most affordable housing relative to local wages
- 60% of residents speak two or more languages
- 2% of employed residents work at home; low
- 1.5 jobs for each employed resident; 2.8 jobs for each housing unit; shortage of housing matched to population of workers
- K-12 schools average; fewer students interested in college.
- Retail sales per capita is \$12,890. Palo Alto is \$19,421





- Improve Milpitas' image as a place to live, work and shop
- 2. Improve retail spending opportunities
- 3. Balance housing supply with housing demand from local workers
- 4. Retain and support the success of existing and new businesses
- 5. Improve the employability of local residents
- 6. Diversify Milpitas' economic base





Goal 1: Improve Milpitas' image as a place to live, work and shop

Objective 1A: Build and maintain an

effective place-branding

strategy



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GOAL 2: Improve retail spending opportunities

Objectives

2A: Diversify mix of retailers within the Midtown area

2B: Expand the existing regional shopping opportunities in the area that includes the Great Mall

2C: Increase demand for upscale retail





Goal 3: Balance housing supply with demand for housing by local workers

Objective 3A: Improve the balance of housing

opportunities and job opportunities by

increasing the percentage of Milpitas

workers who live in Milpitas





Goal 4: Retain and support the success of existing & new businesses

Objective 4A: Retain and expand existing

Milpitas-based companies.





Goal 5: Improve the employability of local residents

Objectives

5A: Consider the establishment of a career center that would help match local workers with local jobs.

5B: Consider the establishment of specialized training centers that support local jobs

5C: Increase entrepreneurial participation among City residents



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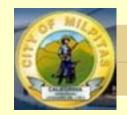
Goal 6: Diversify Milpitas' economic base

Objectives

6A: Attract new businesses to Milpitas

6B: Increase the supply of Class A

professional office space



EDC RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Economic Strategic Plan as submitted.



NEXT STEP:

Implementation Plan